

17 - 18 (Canceled).

19 (Previously presented). The temperature sensing device of claim 14, wherein said connection port extends from an outer surface of said fitting and said device further comprises:

a securing member to secure said temperature sensor to said connection port, wherein said securing member includes a recess defined therein and said temperature sensor is disposed within said recess and extends to contact said receptacle when said securing member is secured to said connection port.

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20 (~~Withdrawn~~). The temperature sensing device of claim 19, wherein said securing member and said connection port include a locking mechanism to releasably secure said securing member to said connection port and to facilitate contact between said temperature sensor and said receptacle.

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21 (~~Withdrawn~~). The temperature sensing device of claim 20, wherein said locking mechanism includes:

at least one projection removably attached to an outer surface of said connection port; and  
at least one engagement member disposed on said securing member to engage a corresponding projection;

wherein said at least one engagement member is configured to remove said corresponding projection from said connection port in response to disengagement of said securing member with said connection port to thereby prevent re-engagement of said connection port with said securing member and re-use of said fitting.